

Table 53. Trends in Heroin Supply, 1996–2000 (Metric Tons)

Year	Heroin availability prior to border entry	Heroin availability after border entry	Heroin available for consumption in the United States	Retail value of heroin in the United States (1998 dollars, billions)
1996	13.3	12.7	12.4	\$11.7
1997	14.2	13.3	13.1	\$12.2
1998	13.5	12.8	12.5	\$11.6
1999*	13.7	13.1	12.9	\$12.0
2000*	13.7	13.0	12.9	\$11.9

*Retail values for 1999 and 2000 are projected.

Sources: Office of National Drug Control Policy (2000) "Estimating Heroin Availability." Retail value data are from Office of National Drug Control Policy (2000). *What America's Users Spend on Illegal Drugs, 1988–1998*.